

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

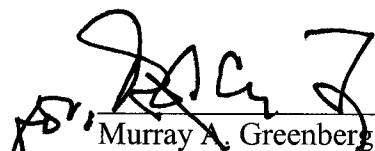
**DATE:** September 26, 2006

**FROM:** Murray A. Greenberg  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the Florida  
Legislature to call a Special  
Session and pass legislation  
addressing the property  
insurance crisis in Florida

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of  
Chairman Joe A. Martinez.

  
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Murray A. Greenberg  
County Attorney

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Please note any items checked.

\_\_\_\_\_ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised

\_\_\_\_\_ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing

\_\_\_\_\_ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing

\_\_\_\_\_ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget

\_\_\_\_\_ Budget required

\_\_\_\_\_ Statement of fiscal impact required

\_\_\_\_\_ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation

\_\_\_\_\_ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing

\_\_\_\_\_ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)

✓  
\_\_\_\_\_ No committee review

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

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Veto \_\_\_\_\_

9-26-06

Override \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO  
CALL A SPECIAL SESSION AND PASS LEGISLATION  
ADDRESSING THE PROPERTY INSURANCE CRISIS IN  
FLORIDA

**WHEREAS**, homeowners' and business owners' insurance rates have continued to rise at an unprecedented pace; and

**WHEREAS**, residential real estate closings reportedly are slowing down due in part to the high cost of insurance; and

**WHEREAS**, private insurance companies continue to reduce the number of policies they write in Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Citizens Property Insurance Corporation does not appear to be achieving its goal of reducing the numbers of policies it writes as the state-backed insurer of last resort; and

**WHEREAS**, the quality of life of our families and senior citizens is declining due to the costs associated with high insurance costs; and

**WHEREAS**, substantial increases in property insurance costs are causing some seniors and families to be more susceptible to foreclosure, and may drive some seniors and families out of Florida altogether; and

**WHEREAS**, if it is not brought under control, the property insurance crisis has the potential to harm Florida's economy over the long term,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board:

**Section 1.** Urges the Florida Legislature to call a special session and pass legislation addressing the insurance crisis in Florida.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

**Section 3.** Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the legislation set forth in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2006-2007 State Legislative Package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Chairman Joe A. Martinez and offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Audrey M. Edmonson	Carlos A. Gimenez
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dorrian D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.  
Jess M. McCarty

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